

PEOPLE APPROVE  
THE AUDITORIUMWashington Pledges \$95,400  
to the Enterprise.

## SECRETARY ROOT SPEAKS

Big Meeting of Citizens at the  
New Willard.Mr. Macfarland Presides and Makes  
Address in Behalf of the Project.  
Business and Professional Men Hear  
Plans of Incorporators Explained.  
Scheme Appeals to Them and Re-  
sponse Is Voluntary and Generous.The project to erect in Washington a  
big auditorium in which to hold con-  
ventions and house the inaugural ball  
received large public approbation at a  
meeting held yesterday at the New Wil-  
lard.The purposes of the incorporators of  
the National Auditorium Company were  
set forth in a general way. Hon. Elihu  
Root addressed the meeting, emphasizing  
the need of such a building, and those  
present subscribed more than \$65,000  
to the enterprise.

## Other Subscriptions Pledged.

It was stated after the meeting that  
subscriptions made subject to the full  
incorporation of the company will raise  
this total to about \$125,000. The incor-  
porators of the company felt greatly en-  
couraged at the outcome of yesterday's  
meeting, and it is probably not too much  
to say that the project will go forward  
to a successful issue.It had been announced that Hon. Ro-  
bert Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State,  
would preside at the meeting, but at the  
last moment duties at the State Depart-  
ment detained him, and he was only able  
to come to the meeting after it had been  
in session some minutes.George E. Hamilton, president of the  
board of directors of the company, called  
the meeting to order and stated the pur-  
pose for which it had been called. Mr.  
Hamilton rehearsed the stages by which  
the enterprise had been brought to the  
present point. He said it was founded  
in the real need in Washington of a  
building in which the inaugural ball could  
be held without the people of the city  
knocking at the doors of a reluctant Con-  
gress to turn out the government clerks  
and give them the temporary use of the  
Pension Office or some other public build-  
ing.

## Place for Conventions.

Mr. Hamilton said there was further  
need in the Capital for such a large  
building as is proposed to give room for  
numerous conventions, congresses, stock  
certs, lectures, and social functions which  
require large room which they cannot  
now have.Recognizing this need, Mr. Hamilton said  
the incorporators had been convinced that  
the people of the city had a sincere desire  
to make an effort to fill the need, and  
this was the real motive for calling the  
representative citizens of Washington to-  
gether, to enable them to give voice to  
such intent if it exists.Mr. Hamilton described briefly the main  
facts relative to the incorporation of the  
company by statute. He said that the  
fact had been placed at \$500,000, in 10,000  
shares of \$50 each. Before incorporation it  
would be necessary for one-tenth of this amount  
to be paid in after the full number of  
shares had been subscribed.

## Mr. Macfarland Presides.

At this point in the proceedings Com-  
missioner Henry B. F. Macfarland was  
made chairman of the meeting. In place  
of Assistant Secretary of State Bacon.  
Mr. Macfarland introduced Secretary  
Root with a happy reference to his being  
the Alexander Hamilton of our day, to  
which Mr. Root replied that if he could  
finance the affairs of the auditorium  
company to such success as Hamilton  
did the young government of the United  
States he would accept the compliment  
as proposed.Mr. Root spoke of the need of a large  
auditorium for public and semi-public  
use in Washington. He said this was  
the city of all in America toward which  
the people of the country looked con-  
stantly. He declared that it was the  
ambition of every American to come here  
at least once in his lifetime. Mr. Root  
thought that in the future a constant  
stream of travelers would come to the  
Capital, and that it would become within  
a few years in respect to its attractive-  
ness to tourists the chief city of the  
world.

## Approves Site Selected.

Mr. Root approved of the site selected  
for the building on the block lying be-  
tween the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the  
newly built hall of the Daughters of the  
American Revolution. Beyond that build-  
ing Mr. Root said the governments of  
America were spending about \$80,000 to  
complete the new home for the Bureau  
of American Republics. This was on one  
side, fronting the White Lot. On the  
other side the nation has committed it-  
self to the erection of three fine build-  
ings—one for the Department of State,  
one for the Department of Justice, and  
one for the Department of Commerce and  
Labor. Mr. Root said it was by a sort  
of providential direction that the site  
had been left available to this time for  
the proposed building, to be called the  
National Auditorium of Washington.Secretary Root spoke of the relation of  
the project to the government. He said  
it would be useless to ask the govern-  
ment to build the structure and pay for  
it, as it would be of necessity largely a  
local building, which would be used for  
governmental functions at times, but not  
distinctly so. Hence it was incumbent  
upon the people of Washington first to  
shoulder the responsibility of the enter-  
prise. When that had been done, when  
the corporation had been formed, the  
money raised for the lot, and the build-  
ing started, then, he said, Washington  
could go to Congress, and it would be  
the duty of the statesmen of the two

Continued on Page 11, Column 2.

Masterly Floral Creations  
Offered by Blackstone, 14th and H.\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return  
To-day via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO FUND.

Christian Church	\$25,000
Emil Berliner	10,000
Thomas F. Walsh	5,000
C. C. Glover	5,000
Anonymous	5,000
Woodward & Lothrop	5,000
Anonymous	5,000
D. C. Phillips	5,000
Levi P. Morison	5,000
Charles J. Bell	2,500
W. B. Hilde	2,500
George E. Hamilton	2,000
Jules Demomet	2,000
John T. Devine	1,000
Davidson & Davidson	1,000
D. J. Kaufman	1,000
George Truesdell	1,000
J. W. Henry	1,000
William C. Eustis	1,000
James H. Saville	1,000
Gen. H. C. Corbin	500
T. C. Automobile Company	500
S. F. Emanuel	500
F. G. Smith Piano Company	500
J. Eakin Gadsby	500
Dulin & Martin Company	500
Phillipsborn & Co.	500
James F. Oyster	500
Gist Blair	500
Rudolph Kaufmann	500
J. H. Cranford	500
S. M. Maddox	500
Corcoran Thom	500
R. Golden Donnellson	250
W. B. Hildreth	250
A. T. Britton	250
A. B. Brown	250
Fulton Gordon	250
M. L. Weller	200
P. F. Gormley	200
C. P. Hancock	100
David S. Carr	100
Douglas G. Simms	100
T. W. Buckley	100
S. W. Curdison	100
W. C. Sullivan	100
W. S. Penchy	100
Hugh Rowland	100
F. S. Bright	100
H. P. Polkinton	100
Dr. J. W. Hodges	100
George Platt	100
H. B. Macfarland	100
Total	\$95,400

## HAS MOTHER ARRESTED.

Daughter Charges Her with Living  
with Her Divorced Husband.Special to The Washington Herald.  
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 23.—A man and a  
woman charged with unlawfully living  
together by the daughter of the woman,  
who is the divorced wife of the man,  
were parties to a suit which started in  
the police court here to-day.Mrs. Rose Gordon Sargent, twenty-six  
years old, of Lacomia, N. H., caused the  
arrest early this morning of Fred Sar-  
gent, her former husband, and her moth-  
er, Mrs. W. A. Gordon, whose husband  
is still living. The pair were living to-  
gether in a Granby street boarding house.  
Mrs. Sargent caused the arrest that she  
might obtain custody of her young son  
whom Sargent got when the divorce was  
entered.Following her mother and former hus-  
band here from Lacomia, she sought the  
aid of the Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Children. A formal complaint  
against her mother and former husband  
caused their arrest. In court to-day the  
case was continued until next Wednes-  
day, the parties to it being held.

## LABORERS ARE BANQUETED.

Men Who Constructed Parish House  
of Taft's Church Honored.Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 23.—William H.  
Taft's Fourth Street Church, this city,  
was the scene of a unique banquet to-  
day, when the dedication of the parish  
house just completed was celebrated by  
hodgepodge, bricklayers, and contractors  
who had a hand in the construction of  
the edifice.Thomas J. Emery, who gave the funds  
necessary for the building of the parish  
house, was the originator of the unique  
feast. Five invitations to every one who  
had the slightest connection with the  
structure were answered in person by  
more than 600 men. The dinner prepared  
was principally turkey and trimmings.

## CLEAN THE STREETS.

Stop Splitting Legal Straws and Remove  
Disgrace of the Capital.Roused by the outburst of indignation on the part of an  
outraged public, the District authorities yesterday made a move  
toward cleaning the streets of Washington—a move they ought  
to have made days ago, before a disgraceful condition developed  
that became a menace to the general welfare of the community.At least a portion of the force of the street cleaning  
department was called to duty and put upon the job it is paid  
to perform—cleaning the streets. The condition now is not  
as bad as it was, but it is still disgraceful—a shame and reproach  
to the Capital of the Nation.Hair-splitting interpretations of the law and haggling  
about the propriety of using this fund or that are not in order  
when the city is afflicted with such a condition as has been  
tamely tolerated by officialdom the past distressing week.  
Action ought to be the watchword—aggressive, determined  
action.If a plague came upon the city, would the health depart-  
ment go out of business until the plague ran its course?What is the scheme of organization, or the philosophy of  
it, that suspends the operations of the street-cleaning depart-  
ment when the streets are reeking with filth and need cleaning  
the most? No valid explanation has ever been offered; none  
can be.Let the street cleaning proceed! Remove the intolerable  
condition of things! Do it with all the force at command.  
Reserve the straw-splitting until the job is finished. Action is  
wanted—not words. Congress will sanction duty-doing upon  
the part of the authorities every time, and Congress ought to  
see to it that Washington hereafter has a street-cleaning depart-  
ment that will clean the streets.DISTRICT EMPLOYEE  
KNEW GAS DANGERConducted Experiments for  
"Own Information."

## HELD CARBON MONOXIDE

Made No Report Because Law  
Didn't So Require Him.Inspector Runyan Makes Startling  
Admission at Hearing on Gas Ques-  
tion Before District Committee.  
Dr. Hayward and Dr. Skinner Tell  
of Experiments and Warn of Dan-  
gers of Water Product Used.

## RUNYAN MUST ANSWER.

"I certainly shall ask Mr. Run-  
yan why he never made a report to  
the Commissioners," said Commis-  
sioner Macfarland last night rela-  
tive to the statement of the Dis-  
trict gas inspector that he had  
found carbon monoxide in the illu-  
minating gas in Washington, but  
had never reported it.Commissioner Macfarland said  
that while the law did not require  
Mr. Runyan to report the existence  
of a deadly substance in the gas,  
he should have done so for the  
safety of the public."I will confer with Mr. Runyan  
as soon as possible," said the Com-  
missioner; and he added that he  
could not discuss the case until he  
had held this conference.The District employs an expert to test  
the product of the Washington Gas-  
light Company to determine if there is  
anything in the gas to injure wall paper,  
leather furniture, and gas fixtures, but  
nothing has been done to prevent the  
existence of a product that would en-  
danger the lives of the consumers.This startling admission was made yes-  
terday by E. G. Runyan, a district gas  
inspector, who was a witness at a special  
hearing of the House District Commit-  
tee when the proposed gas legislation was  
under discussion.Mr. Runyan when placed under a cross-  
fire of questioning by Representative  
Sims, of Tennessee, admitted that he had  
made tests and had found carbon monox-  
ide in very large quantities. It ranged  
from 20 to 30 per cent, he said. He  
added that it was a personal test and  
that he had never made a report to the  
Commissioners because he had con-  
ducted the experiments for his own in-  
formation.

## Knew Carbon Monoxide Dangers.

He admitted that he considered carbon  
monoxide one of the most deadly gases  
and believed there was danger of death  
to the consumers wherever it was used.  
It developed soon after the hearing be-  
gan, however, that Mr. Runyan would  
be of little service to the committee in  
furnishing information about carbon monox-  
ide, as he said he made the analysis  
without sufficient apparatus, and not for  
record.Mr. Runyan said that he had been em-  
ployed by the District since 1906, and that  
his duties were to look after the ammonia  
and sulphur. In answer to questions he  
Continued on Page 2, Column 5.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia  
and Maryland—Partly cloudy to-  
day and to-morrow; warmer to-  
day; moderate southwesterly  
winds.BOY APPROPRIATED  
BY WILLIAM H. TAFTElmer Loring, eighteen years old, a  
product of Georgia, was discovered  
and appropriated by President-elect  
Taft in the wilds of a Georgia golf  
course.Roosevelt has had his William Loeb,  
who was discovered by somebody be-  
fore Roosevelt found him. Mark  
Hanna had his Elmer Dover, and  
other great men have had their Fri-  
days, even as Mr. Taft had his, and  
more great men there are who will  
be discovered by great men, and placed  
in high positions in the affairs of the  
government.Mr. Taft found Elmer Loring one  
day in the vicinity of Augusta, Ga.,  
when he was out looking for a "cad-  
dy." This particular Elmer was  
roughly shod in his own bare feet,  
there were rents in his trousers, and  
his face and neck were shiny with a  
peculiar growth of silken-like fuzz,  
which, if properly cultivated, may  
some day develop into a full beard,  
with mustache to match.His eyes are snappy, the kind that  
look straight at you without flinching;  
he is frank, he is honest—he sticks out  
in spots all over him—and he is fear-  
less and witty and kind and gentle,  
and willing to work hard and keep  
fing' hours.At any rate, Mr. Taft likes the boy—  
likes him all over, and a little more  
than that, and he wants him at the  
White House for the next four years  
beginning on March 4. Elmer Loring  
will be in Washington to-day, it is  
said. He will be properly housed and  
fed while Mr. Taft is in Panama, and  
after the new President is inaugu-  
rated, Elmer will be duly installed as  
messenger at the White House. He  
will eat chicken and cake and ice  
cream right from the White House  
table, and he will get a peep into big  
things and at big men and women and  
directly grown on reception nights.  
Elmer will have a good time in Wash-  
ington for the next four years. He  
won't want to go back to Georgia—  
bet your bottom dollar on that.

## GOMEZ NAMES CABINET.

Justo Garcia Velazquez as Cuban  
Secretary of State.Havana, Jan. 23.—President Gomez an-  
nounced his cabinet to-night. It is as  
follows: Secretary of government, Dr.  
Nicolas Alberdi; secretary of state, Justo  
Garcia Velazquez; secretary of finance, Mar-  
celino Diaz Villegas; secretary of justice,  
Luis Octavio Divino; secretary of sanitation,  
Matias Duque Perdomo; secretary  
of public works, Benito Laraguera; secretary  
of public instruction, Ramon  
Mesa, and secretary of agriculture, Orte-  
lio Foyo.

## JOHNSON TO RUN AGAIN.

Mayor of Cleveland Not Discouraged  
by Three-cent Fare Fiasco.Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Mayor Tom L.  
Johnson, supposed politically dead so far  
as the mayoralty is concerned by the  
failure of his 3-cent fare operation of the  
city's traction system, is to try for the  
mayoralty next fall. He began his cam-  
paign to-day by taking out petition  
blanks for primary use.

## Father Pardow Dead.

New York, Jan. 23.—Rev. William  
O'Brien Pardow, S. J., rector of St. Ignatius  
Loyola Church, at Park avenue and  
Eighty-fourth street, who was taken to  
St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday, suffer-  
ing from a severe attack of pneumonia,  
died this morning.Baltimore and Return, \$1.25,  
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.  
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains,  
both ways, both days, except Royal Lim-  
ited. City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Pa.  
ave.Mardi Gras.  
New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola. Very  
low rates via Southern Rwy. Feb. 12-22.

## WIRELESS FLASHES MESSAGE

Ominous "C. Q. D." Heard by Operator Over the  
Waves from Disabled Ship.New York, Jan. 23.—A man sat in his  
shirt sleeves in a little room crowded  
with wire coils and choked with the bulk  
of dusty battery cases in a little shack  
down on a sand spit that points out in  
the Atlantic Ocean beyond the village of  
Siasconset, on the south shore of Nantuck-  
et Island. He fingered a key and the  
flashes of blue light that jumped from  
the hammock of wires high over his head  
outside streaked the blackness of the  
window-pane. This man—A. H. Gimman  
is his name—was talking with the ships  
out somewhere beyond where the waves  
piled up on the sand spit. That was his  
business.Suddenly there came a break in the  
measured cadence of his tap-tapping on  
the key. Through the thin rubber disk of  
the telephone receiver harness he had  
clamped around his head and over his  
ears there sounded an interrupting chat-  
ter. It was this: "Ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-  
tat tat tat-ta-ta-ta-tat."  
That meant simply these three letters:  
"C. Q. D." On the continental Morse  
code used by ships and Marconi stations  
these three letters means what the colli-  
sion signal means on a battle ship.  
Those three letters are absolutely im-  
perative.

## Quickly Flashes Message.

When this operator caught the sense of  
those three letters instinctively he reached  
for his key and sent rushing through the  
dawn for 200 miles on every side of him,  
landward and seaward, a message that  
traveled at the rate of 180,000 miles a  
second. The message read:  
"C. Q. D. Here S. C. Dot G."According to the code, these dots and  
dashes that were being recorded on rub-  
ber disk somewhere out beyond the surf  
line and back in the navy yard at  
Charlestown were interpreted to read:  
"Distress signal received at Siasconset  
wireless station. Go ahead."Then in a minute came another message  
to the operator at Siasconset. It was:  
"We are struck by an unknown boat—  
engine room filled—passengers all safe—  
can stay afloat—latitude 41°; longitude  
70° Republic."

## Must Send Out Call.

Mechanically the operator took down  
the message that tapped into his ear. As  
soon as he had put down the final word  
he reached for his key again. The hard  
and fast regulations of the Marconi Wire-  
less Telegraph Company of America read  
that whenever an operator shall receive  
the C. Q. D. signal of a ship in distress  
he shall immediately, upon ascertaining  
his locality, and the extent of her dan-  
ger, send out to every ship and station  
that may be in the zone of 200 miles  
radius about his station word of her dis-  
tress, even though ships may have caught  
themselves the original message that had  
passed from the crippled ship to the shore.So Gimman prefaced his message with  
the C. Q. D. of alarm, then carefully  
repeated the message that had come to  
him from the Republic. That done he sat  
back and waited.This all occurred in less time than it  
takes to read these paragraphs. From  
out of the dark at 4:19 o'clock in the  
morning had come the distress signal  
of the White Star liner Republic, Mediter-  
ranean-bound, and twenty-six miles south  
of Nantucket lightship. Only the time  
occupied by the swift movements of the  
operator's finger at Siasconset station  
hindered the electric message on its  
flight from ship to shore, and from shore  
away out again to all the spots on the  
moving ocean where rows of lights  
marked a ship equipped with wireless.

## Ship Filling with Water.

There was a ship at sea that was filling  
with water. Aboard her an operator  
named Binns had sat and tapped a key  
at the dictation of the captain. The  
wires between the two masts had sput-  
tered and hummed. Over forty miles  
away, Gimman, the operator at Siascon-  
set, on the sand spit, had heard, and with  
the greater force of the batteries stowed  
away in his shack he had hurled the  
message from the crippled vessel out to  
be caught by chance rescuers.The operator at Siasconset did not have  
long to wait before messages from the  
shoreward side and ships began to drum  
into his ears. First came messages from  
Charlestown Navy Yard, Newport, Bos-  
ton, Vineyard Haven, and Woods Hole,  
all of which stations caught the alarm  
sent out from Siasconset. Woods Hole  
said that the revenue cutter Acushnet

## CRASH IN FOG

Steamships Republic and  
Florida in Collision.

## ALL PASSENGERS SAFE

Swift Ships, Called by Wireless,  
Rush to Rescue.

## REPUBLIC'S SIDE CRUSHED

Florida Takes Aboard 742 People  
from Stricken Ship, and Heads  
for New York—Thrilling Drama  
of the Sea Played in Pall of Gray  
Mist Near Nantucket—No Word  
Yet of Scenes on the Vessels—Six  
Washingtonians Are Rescued.New York, Jan. 23.—The steam-  
ship Republic, of the White Star  
Line, cut down in the fog by the  
Italian steamer Florida early this  
morning, sixty-five miles southeast  
of the Nantucket lightship, flashed  
out a call for help while she was  
sinking that brought to her all of  
the trans-Atlantic racers within 150  
miles.The call sped up and down the  
seaboard and over the world, and  
probably saved the lives of the Re-  
public's 742 passengers.Helpless and alone in the black  
fog, except for the crippled Italian  
ship, with seas rushing into her  
crushed side, the Republic managed  
to tell her story so briskly that  
within a few hours after the colli-  
sion the world knew that all was  
well with her people and that sev-  
eral big greyhounds of the sea were  
guarding both her and the Florida,  
ready to assist either at a minute's  
warning.By nightfall the wireless, fling-  
ing out message after message, had  
told in illuminating dots and dashes  
the tale of what happened in the  
fog and capped the most interesting  
story that has come from the sea in  
many years with the news that the  
people of the Republic would be  
brought to New York to-morrow  
aboard the vessel which cut her  
down, the Florida, with the Lor-  
raine standing by to help in case of  
need.At midnight the news was re-  
ceived definitely at the White Star  
offices in Bowling Green that the  
Republic, while low in the sea and  
with a great hole in her starboard  
side, was in no danger of sinking.  
Capt. Sealby and her crew are still  
aboard of her.

## Calls for Help Across Sea.

It is possible that the Baltic or the  
Lorraine will remove the Republic's pas-  
sengers from the Florida after daylight,  
as they can be made much more com-  
fortable on either big liner than on the  
already crowded Italian ship.Minute after minute the calls of the  
Republic for help were sent out over the  
sea, reaching the big Baltic, the Lor-  
raine, the Lucania, and half a dozen other  
steamers bound for this port. It was the  
first time the wireless had demonstrated  
its reliability and usefulness in the case  
of disasters at sea. In the absence of  
accurate details, it is impossible to tell  
just how much the Republic and her  
passengers owe to the miracle of elec-  
tricity.Her passengers were taken off by the  
very ship which rammed her—the  
Florida; it is certain that the wire-  
less brought to the Republic the vessels  
approached with the Marconi apparatus,  
and toward her from a half-circle of  
the sea 100 miles in its diameter, bring-  
ing them in time to insure the safety  
not only of the Republic's people, but of  
the passengers and crew of the Florida,  
which was crippled and in danger from  
the terrific impact of the collision.It was the wireless, flashing the news  
here at 7 o'clock in the morning that the  
passengers had been saved, although the  
ship was settling, that relieved the dread  
of thousands of persons, the relatives and  
friends of the people aboard the Repub-  
lic. The crowd which had besieged the  
White Star offices this morning melted  
away under the influence of the good  
news. In short, four hours, perhaps,  
after the Republic was smitten, away  
out in the Atlantic, the world knew that  
no lives were lost.There has been nothing like it in marine  
history, this drama of the wireless, the  
Continued on Page 2, Column 2.  
Send to Thos. J. Fisher & Co. for "Sav-  
ing Connecticut Avenue from the White  
House to Chevy Chase."